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Mainstream NY Newspaper Confirms AFP Report on Centrist Third Party

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When AMERICAN FREE PRESS recently presented a special four-page report assembling evidence that high-level forces have been setting the stage to spring some sort of "centrist," "bipartisan" or "coalition"-type third party movement on the American people, AFP's critics said this was "another crazy conspiracy theory."

However, one of *The New York Times'* most influential in-house columnists—Thomas L. Friedman — revealed Oct. 3 that there is an ongoing effort to set up a new "centrist" third party in time for the 2012 election. The new party will shun both the "liberal left" and the "conservative right" and stand for "centrist, bipartisan" policies. Or, should that be tripartisan?

Friedman's column is part of an increasingly open campaign by monopolistic media controllers to conjure up a "centrist" rebellion in America, even to the point of launching a third party to vanquish both liberal Barack Obama — presuming he is re-nominated by the Democratic Party — and a "conservative" Republican challenger.

AFP warned this "centrist" movement would be a classic "controlled opposition," dominated by the very big money forces — here and abroad — in the Rothschild banking dynasty's sphere of influence that have controlled both major parties through their stranglehold over major media outlets shaping public opinion.

Friedman's column was titled bluntly: "Third party rising." He wrote: "There is a revolution brewing in the country, and it is not just on the right wing but in the radical center."

Friedman described "two serious groups, one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast," working to build third party movements that the columnist said would "challenge our stagnating two-party duopoly that has been presiding over our nation's steady decline."

Friedman added that Obama had not been a failure but that Obama "probably did the best he could do, and that's the point." In Friedman's overrated estimation, "The best our current two parties can produce today — in the wake of the worst existential crisis in our economy and environment in a century — is suboptimal, even when one party had a huge majority."

He added: "Suboptimal is OK for ordinary times, but these are not ordinary times" (his emphasis). Instead, he wrote: "We need to stop waiting for Superman and start building a super-consensus to do the superhard stuff we must do now."

To elaborate, the columnist quoted Larry Diamond, a Stanford University political scientist, who said: "We basically have two bankrupt parties bankrupting the country." Friedman concluded, basing his opinion on Diamond's views: "We have to rip open this two-party duopoly and have it challenged by a serious third party. . . .We need a third party on the stage of the next presidential debate to look Americans in the eye and say: 'These two parties are lying to you. . . .' "

Now, adding further to AFP's informed speculation about high-level maneuvering by the media-political elite toward a "centrist" third party, the day after the 2010 elections, *The New York Times* featured a commentary by retiring Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh (Ind.) calling for his own party to "grab the center," no matter that "extremes of both parties will be disappointed." Bayh proclaimed, "The vast center yearning for progress will applaud." The significance? In AFP's original report, AFP pinpointed a variety of evidence that Bayh — a known participant in the Bilderberg group — was being touted as a likely key player in the new centrist party venture.

To underscore the point that there is a growing "moderate consensus" that could emerge in the 2012 elections, *The NewYork Times* featured an amazing story on its front page on Oct. 8 entitled "Some in GOP find soft spot for Bill Clinton."

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Times correspondent Jennifer Steinhauer reported — with full, ironic seriousness: "Many Republicans with a deep animus for President Obama find their hearts aflutter with the memory of a former leader. He was a compassionate conservative, a guy who cared about free trade, a man who reached across the aisle. He is the husband of the secretary of state."

The *Times* article added that such august "conservative" Republican leaders as Mormon icon Sen. Orrin Hatch (Utah) were among those praising Clinton. Although former Sen.Trent Lott (R-Miss.) was expelled as Senate majority leader for having made friendly remarks about ex-segregationist Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), Lott was quoted as saying: "You know with Clinton the chemistry was right. He was a good old boy from Arkansas. I was a good old boy from Mississippi."

Even so-called conservative firebrand Rep. Paul Ryan (Wis.), considered an up-and-coming figure in GOP ranks, was quoted as saying of Clinton: "The first two years of his term were one thing, but the rest of his presidency was tempered with moderation, and the nation benefited."

Ryan's remarks, it would seem, should shock the average grass-roots Republican who probably would remember that "the rest" of the Clinton presidency included a vast array of scandals — not the least of which was the Lewinsky affair that resulted in an enthusiastic effort by Republicans to impeach the president.

Now, however, that the national-level elite opinion makers are working to sway public sentiment in favor of a "bipartisan consensus" (as part of an effort to stir up a "centrist" third party movement in the upcoming presidential election), key GOP leaders are being turned into Clinton cheerleaders.

It's as if they are encouraging Bill and Hillary Clinton to break with the Democratic Party, go "centrist" and pull the rug out from under Obama.

To add further fuel to that possibility, note that *The Washington Post* recently headlined an Associated Press (AP) story, which was also circulated in other newspapers across America: "Democrats divided on Obama in 2012. Poll finds about half saying he should face nomination challenge." The story told of an AP poll claiming that 47 percent of Democrats actually believe the once popular incumbent president should be challenged. And evidently, Mrs. Clinton is the favorite among most of those Democrats fed up with Obama.

So while many "right wing" folks view the Clintons as anything but "centrist" and "very liberal" indeed, don't forget that, for years, prior to his winning the presidency, the Clintons were major figures in the Democratic Leadership Council — a preeminent "centrist" force within Democratic ranks.

The terms "liberal," "conservative" and "centrist" can mean just about anything when the elite media are defining them for the American public, especially in the course of attempting to manipulate a political action.

On Oct. 25, writing in the *Post*, much-touted "economist" Robert Samuelson joined the clamor for a "centrist" uprising.

In a commentary entitled "Politics has lost its center of balance," Samuelson wrote of the "mass discontent" in America, arising from the left-right divide. Liberals and conservatives are "too radical or unrealistic" and Samuelson emphasized the point that what he called "the center" is frustrated by such sharp-edged conflicts which, according to Samuelson, are dominated by ideologues who make "no room for compromise." Both the Democratic and Republican parties are too much in tune with "the base" (that is, the "liberals" hold sway in the Democratic Party and "conservatives" in the Republican Party) and not open to bipartisan centrist concerns — or so he says.

In Samuelson's assessment, the 2010 congressional elections will not resolve what he calls the "stalemate" in American political affairs.

Although grassroots Americans fed up with politics as usual would love to see a genuine third party or independent uprising in America, it is vital that they are not fooled by this false entity being conjured up in the laboratories of the "Dr. Frankensteins" of the mass media and its big-money controllers.

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